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PUBLIC INVITED TO GET INFORMATION ON SANTA MARIA BRIDGE WIDENING

SANTA MARIA – The public is invited to attend an informational meeting about the proposed widening of the Hwy. 101/Santa Maria Bridge this Thursday, August 10. The forum will take place in the Dorothea Nelson Room of the Santa Maria Public Library at 420 S. Broadway from 4:30 to 7:30 pm.

This project proposes to add a northbound and southbound lane to Hwy. 101 from the interchange of State Route 135 to the interchange of State Route 166. A bicycle path would be added to the northbound side of the highway.

The Santa Maria River Bridges would be widened to accommodate the new lanes, the bike path and wider shoulders on the highway.

A draft of the environmental document will be available for the public to review. Caltrans staff will be in attendance to answer questions and address concerns.

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in Santa Barbara County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-568-0858 or visit the District 5 website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upsb.htm>





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